

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 76 years of "Shining Christ's Light"



*...and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones...
he will certainly not lose his reward.*

Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

Here are a few tips to help you participate:

****** Invites all who are able to stand.

Bold type invites reading or singing by the congregation.

Italic type invites silent reading by the congregation.

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Please return hymnals after the service

June 28, 2026
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 28, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Arr. Victor Labenske

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Anyone who receives you, receives me, and anyone who receives me, receives the One who sent me."

**We gather together in the presence of the God
who receives us with open arms,
who loves us unconditionally,
and who bids us do the same to one another.
Let us worship God together!**

*OPENING HYMN #399

"God Welcomes All"

Soloist sings, then all sing 2 times

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD #466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, our loyalties have been divided and we have taken your grace for granted.
You seek us out, but we attempt to go our own way. You provide, but we hoard.
You free us from enslavement to sin, but we neglect to be instruments of righteousness.
You welcome us as we are, but we refuse to receive others in your name.
Forgive what we have been, amend what we will be, awaken us to the new thing you are
doing within and around us. Send your Spirit to shape us in ways that better reflect the
one we claim to follow, Jesus Christ.**

Silence for personal confession. God's people say Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Psalm 89:1-4

Tune: CANONBURY

**My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
your faithful love will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.**

**I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure,
a strong support that never dies, established changeless in the skies.**

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Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, the noise around us is loud and the distractions intense. We yearn to hear your voice in order to know of your presence and hear again your covenant promise. Quiet our busy minds, calm our anxious hearts, come to us now and speak for we are listening. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. ²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. ³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David: ⁴'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.'" ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance; ¹⁶they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness. ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. ¹⁸For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"For Those Who Are Thirsty..."

Randy Fife, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN #203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God who created all things and seeks for all to be in communion as God’s people.

I believe in Jesus Christ who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways inviting all to be a part of God’s work in the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us in ways that make them receptive to love.

I believe in the harvest and the call for laborers to receive and respond, sharing the light and life with the world. Amen.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

If you would like to share a joy or concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand and a microphone will be brought to you.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #600

“Amen”

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Ken Schmidt
Preacher: Randy Fife, ALP
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME RANDY FIFE BACK TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Randy completed the Presbytery's Authorized Lay Preacher/Commissioned Pastor program in 2024 and has preached in several different churches of the Presbytery. He is an elder, served as Clerk of Session, and over the years has served the Presbytery as Moderator, Commissioner to the General Assembly, Chair of the Committee on Ministry and Chair of the Leadership Team. Randy retired from the practice of law after 37 years. He is married and has two adult children.

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES are on the table in the narthex. They will be sent to other West Virginia Presbyterian churches this week. Please take time to add your signature to let them know that we are thinking of them and have them in our prayers.



THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day on Saturday, July 4. This year is particularly special as it marks America's semiquincentennial (the 250th birthday of the Declaration of Independence).

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday, July 5. For those who will not be able to attend in-person worship, please take time during the coming week to prepare for the Sacrament.

FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY is also next Sunday. Don't forget that each Communion Sunday is "Food Offering" Sunday. You may leave your offering in the red wagon in the Narthex. All the collected food will go to Heart & Hand

Prayer List

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com*

Prayers of Joy

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Patricia Ansley & Family	Emily Holton	Don Shroder
Merrily Bailey	Ravi Isaiah	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Barker Family	Doug Lathom	Bill Wagner
Bob Binning	Cheryl Laws	Gary Withrow
Shayne Compton	Hollie McCraw	
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	

- Praying for peace in the US/Iran conflict, Ukraine/Russia conflict, and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflicts around the globe. Grant us peace!
- We pray for peace in the world. We pray for our world leaders to do what is right and just. We pray for all the people in the world who are affected by war: The children, the common person, the armies, the leaders. Grant us courage and grace during the coming year.
- Climate change as evidenced by more severe and deadly storms, fires, floods, and prolonged heat waves locally, nationally, and globally. These events are causing large numbers of injuries and deaths of people, disruptions of food supplies, and many animal & plant species to greatly diminish and even go extinct

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Nigel Jeffries
Brent Bishop	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Joel Callison, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Baxter Presbyterian Church, Dunmore; Frankford Presbyterian Church; Rware Parish